

Docket No.: 050203-0151

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of        | : | Customer Number: 31824     |
|                             | : |                            |
| Mitsuhiro NISHINA, et al.   | : | Confirmation Number: 6774  |
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| Application No.: 10/577,495 | : | Group Art Unit: 2856       |
|                             | : |                            |
| Filed: January 22, 2007     | : | Examiner: Gunnar J. Gissel |
|                             | : |                            |
| For: LIQUID DISCRIMINATING  | : |                            |
| APPARATUS AND LIQUID        | : |                            |
| DISCRIMINATING METHOD       | : |                            |

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009, the period for response to which having been extended for one month from April 6, 2009 to May 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.